

REMARKS

All withdrawn claims have been cancelled without prejudice to the right to present a continuing application directed thereto.


A portion of claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 1 and conforming amendments to the remaining claims made. Claim 19 after such amendment has been cancelled and presented anew in independent form as new claim 22.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections based on Litton and Tsay in view of Litton can be withdrawn as moot. Neither reference teaches or suggests a devise where the post extends from the top surface of a bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof and thence adjacent a side surface of a top elongated member to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member. The claimed invention is both novel and unobvious.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Edward A. Meilman

Registration No.: 24,735

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO LLP

1177 Avenue of the Americas

41st Floor

New York, New York 10036-2714

(212) 277-6520

Attorney for Applicant